

This letter provides a reference to the Department's rules regarding the manufacturing machinery & equipment exemption. See 86 Ill. Adm. Code 130.330. (This is a GIL.)

March 22, 2004

Dear Xxxxx:

This letter is in response to your letter dated November 12, 2003, in which you request information. The Department issues two types of letter rulings. Private Letter Rulings ("PLRs") are issued by the Department in response to specific taxpayer inquiries concerning the application of a tax statute or rule to a particular fact situation. A PLR is binding on the Department, but only as to the taxpayer who is the subject of the request for ruling and only to the extent the facts recited in the PLR are correct and complete. Persons seeking PLRs must comply with the procedures for PLRs found in the Department's regulations at 2 Ill. Adm. Code 1200.110. The purpose of a General Information Letter ("GIL") is to direct taxpayers to Department regulations or other sources of information regarding the topic about which they have inquired. A GIL is not a statement of Department policy and is not binding on the Department. See 2 Ill. Adm. Code 1200.120. You may access our website at [www.ILTAX.com](http://www.ILTAX.com) to review regulations, letter rulings and other types of information relevant to your inquiry.

The nature of your inquiry and the information you have provided require that we respond with a GIL. In your letter you have stated and made inquiry as follows:

Our company is requesting a letter ruling on the issues mentioned below. Our company's main business is the manufacturing and assembly of automotive lighting. We are requesting a letter ruling for manufacturing machinery & equipment exemption status on cranes and a mold mover used in our plant.

The cranes are used in such a way that is necessary for our manufacturing processes to run. Our company produces many different types of lighting with each of the different types requiring a different mold. The crane picks the mold up, many weighing over 10,000 lbs., and places it into the machine. The mold is placed into the machine from either the top or side; therefore, the crane is necessary for lifting. The cranes are used solely for lifting and moving molds.

We also have a piece of equipment that we call a mold mover. The molds are placed on this cart to be transported between our process area and our in house tool room for repair. The departments are located in the same building.

Thank you for your prompt response and assistance concerning my sales tax issues. If you should have other questions, I can be reached at #.

**DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE:**

We regret that we cannot provide you with a specific answer in the context of a General Information Letter. You have inquired about the manufacturing machinery and equipment exemption, please see the Department's rules regarding the manufacturing machinery and equipment exemption. 86 Ill. Adm. Code 130.330.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require additional information, please visit our website at [www.ILTAX.com](http://www.ILTAX.com) or contact the Department's Taxpayer Information Division at (217) 782-3336. If you are not under audit and you wish to obtain a binding PLR regarding your factual situation, please submit a request conforming to the requirements of 2 Ill. Adm. Code 1200.110 (b).

Very truly yours,

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